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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Format for the President's Quarterly Report on
Soviet Strategic Forces

The mock-up you have sent over seems to present the material in an attractive, graphic and easy to understand way. I have no objections to the format you propose.

Because the text presented in the mock-up is fragmentary, I cannot comment in detail on the substantive presentation. I would, however, repeat my earlier observation that the purpose of this document is to highlight current developments and serve as an "early warning" system. This seems to me to require that it focus on:

- what has happened since the last report;
- how observed events compare with predictions in the NIE and other intelligence documents.

A "highlights" page might be a useful way to focus attention on these aspects of the report.

I would appreciate knowing as soon as possible when you will be able to have the first of these reports, coordinated by the USIB members, available for the President.

NSS/NSC Review Completed.

(Signed) HENRY A. KISSINGER

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Laurence E. Lynn, Jr.

SUBJECT: Format for the President's Quarterly Report on
Soviet Strategic Forces

Attached at Tab A is a memo for Dick Helms approving the format of the quarterly report on Soviet strategic forces. Since we have only a mock-up, with illustrative text, not much substantive comment is possible. (Mock-up at Tab B.)

The memo does, however, repeat the basic points about what the quarterly report must do:

-- focus on the most recent developments and whether they confirm past predictions;

-- represent the views of the entire intelligence community, not just CIA.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to Dick Helms at Tab A.

Enclosure

Tab A - Memo for Dick Helms

Tab B - Mock-up

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